# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS INTO YAMUNA
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently asked the Union Government to take harsh decisions in the interest of public health to ban discharge of untreated industrial effluents into the Yamuna by industries in Delhi and Haryana;

(b) if so, whether the Central Pollution Control Board have since contemplated any action to restrict the industries polluting river;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which an action plan to clean the river would also be undertaken?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) The Central Pollution Control Board has formulated an action plan to monitor the pollution of river Yamuna on account of discharge of municipal sewage and industrial effluents. The Board regularly holds meetings with different agencies such as the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, the State Pollution Control Boards of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana and the Delhi Jal Board to monitor the progress of the action plan. The Delhi Pollution Control Committeehas issued closure directions including disconnection of electricity and water during 18th November, 1999 to 10th February, 2000 to nearly 2300 water polluting units for not complying with the prescribed discharge standards. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have constituted two Vigilance Squads to take action against these defaulting units. Haryana State Pollution Control Board has also identified 302 industrial units which were discharging effluents into river Yamuna directly or indirectly. Out of this, 135 units are complying with discharge standards, 48 units have closed down on their own, 12 units have been closed by the direction of Board, 24 units have been issued closure notices by the Board and the remaining 83 units are facing legal action under the Environmental Laws.

(d) The Yamuna Action Plan to clean the river Yamuna is already under implementation.